

Title II Project Application
Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$37,785

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): 117-415

2. Project Name: Horse Creek Ridge Trail Construction

3. County: Josephine

4. Project Sponsor: Jeanne Klein

5. Date: 4/8/03

6. Sponsors Phone #: 541-618-2220

7. Sponsor's E-mail: jeanne_klein@blm.gov

8. Project Location (attach project area maps showing general and specific locations of project.)

a. 4th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): _____

b. 5th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Jumpoff Joe Watershed

c. Legal Location:

Township 34 Range 5W Section(s) 20

Township 34 Range 6W Section(s) 24

d. BLM District Medford

e. BLM Resource Area Grants Pass

f. National Forest _____

g. Forest Service District _____

h. State / Private / other lands involved? ☐ Yes ☒ No

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

The goal of the Horse Creek Ridge Trail is to provide low elevation, easily accessible trail system that the public can utilize year-round for non-motorized purposes. The objective is to build a 2½ mile trail system for hiking and horseback riding.

10. Project Description: (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

The Horse Creek Ridge Trail would be constructed on the ridge separating Jumpoff Joe and Grave Creek. The trail begins from the Horse Creek Road in section 20 (T34S, R5W) and continues west/northwest towards Mount Sexton. The trail offers views of the Jumpoff Joe and Grave Creek drainages and would provide recreational opportunities for non-motorized uses such as horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking. The trail continues along the ridgeline for 1½ miles before reaching Josephine County land in section 24 (T34S, R6W). The ridgeline trail follows the historic Mt. Sexton phone line and passes through serpentine outcrops, meadows and forests. The trail loops back along a southeast ridgeline for 1 mile to the main trail.

The trail head will be constructed at the junction of the Horse Creek Road and the power line. This area has a wide, turn around suitable for horse trailers and for parking.

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The ridge trail is proposed to emphasize non-motorized use. Interpretive signs will be placed along the trail, discussing the effects of motorized use off the trail and in serpentine meadows and steep slopes. Other uses allowed would include hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. The trail will be built 2-3 feet wide with a clearing height of 8-10 feet. The trail will be built either by hand or with mechanical equipment.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then describe.

12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☒ Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]
Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☒ Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

13. Project Type (*check one*) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): _____ [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)] | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: <u>Trail construction</u> | |

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

(Use workload measures used for the budget process)

- a. Total Acres: 2 acres (one acre for trailhead, one for trail b. Total Miles: 2 1/2
- c. No. Structures: 6 signs d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): _____
- e. No. Of Laborer Days: thirty
- f. Other (specify): _____
- g. **Program Element:** HC

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: one month 8/30/04

16. Target Species (plants/wildlife etc.) Benefited: (if applicable) N/A

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)] Working together with local residents, volunteers and agencies will leverage each organization's money and aid in creating positive working relationships as well as a sense of ownership and pride in

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managing the area. The Josephine County Equestrian Coalition is a partner for trail maintenance and monitoring after construction.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] Identify benefits to communities?

This trail will provide low elevation trail access along a historic route to Mt. Sexton. The trail will be accessible year-round, due to the low elevation. The trail is also within 5 miles of Grants Pass and Merlin.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

The trail will provide a managed system for users, rather than current use, which is un-managed, with the potential to damage resources. The ridgeline contains serpentine soils and rock outcrops, and existing use patterns are traveling throughout these areas. A designated trail will concentrate use to avoid sensitive areas.

20. Status of Project Planning

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| a. NEPA Complete: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| b. If No, give est. date of completion: _____ | | | |
| c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| e. Survey & Manage Complete: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| h. SHPO* Concurrence Received: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| i. Project Design(s) Completed: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers |
| Other (specify): | |

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? (Sec. 204(e)(3))

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

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23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$ 37,785

b. Is this a multi-year funding request? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, then display by fiscal year

***** Note: If you have a complex budget, add it as an appendix. The Resource Advisory Committee will want to know specifically how the funds will be spent.**

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys		\$2,500 (1/2 wm)		\$2,500
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering		\$,2500 sign design		\$2,500
28. Contract Preparation		\$2,500 (1/2 wm)		\$2,500
29. Contract Administration		\$2,500 (1/2 wm)		\$2,500
30. Contract Cost		\$15,600 (trail construction) \$5,000 (parking lot construction)		\$20,600
31. Workforce Cost			\$1,500 (volunteer trail maintenance)	\$1,500
32. Materials & Supplies		\$500 (vehicle) \$2,000 directional & interp signing		\$2,500
33. Monitoring		\$1,250 for monitoring OHV use	\$500 (from equestrian coalition)	\$1,750
34. Other				
35. Project Subtotal		\$34,350		\$34,350
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)		\$3,435		\$3,435
37. Total Cost Estimate		\$37,785	\$ 2,000	\$39,785

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

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39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203 (b)(6))

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Volunteer equestrian groups and BLM employees will monitor use levels and types of use by site visits to determine that the proper use is occurring on the trail. Once trail is constructed, photos will be taken to document trail condition.

- b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Maintenance of the trail, once built could be accomplished by local residents, Josephine County Equestrian Coalition, or the Josephine County Jail Crew.

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item? N/A**

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**

Amount: \$1,750